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**REQUEST
for
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).*

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| Application Number | 09/180,601 |
| Filing Date | November 10, 1998 |
| First Named Inventor | Takahiro OSHITA et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 1764 |
| Examiner Name | A. Doroshenk |
| Attorney Docket Number | 01213/GEB667-US |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted:
 - i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
 - ii. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other_
 - b. ☒ Enclosed:
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other_
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).
 - b. ☐ Other_
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - iii. ☒ Other Additional Claims Fee Transmittal Letter; including \$80.00 for 1 additional independent claim
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed

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In re application of : **ATTN: BOX RCE**
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METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to examination of the instant application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks as follows:

In The Claims:

Kindly ~~cancel~~ claim 11 presently pending in the application without prejudice.

Kindly ~~amend~~ claims 12, 16 and 20 as follows:

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12. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein said combustion region and said heat recovery region are separated by a partition wall and are connected above and below said partition wall, said combustion region includes first and second areas adjacent to each other, and further comprising:

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